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Claim 1 (clean version)

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1. (Amended) A protective element, particularly for cycling shorts, comprising a double-stretch support with which at least one double-stretch padding is associated, said double-stretch padding being associable at said support by a high-frequency or thermoformation or ultrasound application method, said double-stretch padding being applied only at points where resting on a saddle of a bicycle occurs.

The Examiner is also requested to remove without prejudice original claims 15 and 16.